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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At its meeting of January 2008, the Board of Regents acted as follows:

Conditional approval is granted for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (CIP Code 51.1601) at Louisiana State University at Alexandria, subject to the following stipulations: 1. Implementation of the program shall be delayed until evidence of the hiring of an additional doctorally-qualified, full-time faculty member has been provided to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs. The University projects such hiring by August, 2008. 2. Beginning December 31, 2008, and annually on that date thereafter until the BSN program has achieved NLNAC accreditation, a progress report which addresses external consultant concerns shall be submitted to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs.

STAFF SUMMARY

Dr. Tom Armstrong, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, reports the following program progress:

1. The University had hired a new tenure-track, assistant professor of Nursing, to begin work starting July 14, 2008. In addition, The University has reached verbal agreement with another doctorally qualified Nursing faculty to teach on-line courses on a part-time basis beginning Spring, 2009. Two ADN faculty positions have also become vacant and searches are underway to replace these individuals.
2. The University has contacted NLNAC regarding the possibility of a BSN accreditation visit. A response has yet to be received.
3. The Department of Nursing has adopted an admissions protocol for the BSN program.
4. The Department is also revising its curriculum to ensure better articulation between the ADN and emerging BSN program.
5. Two BSN courses will be offered this Fall. The University is ready to begin program implementation whenever the Regents authorize such.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Personnel actions taken by the University clearly fulfill requirement #1 above. Hence, the staff recommends immediate program implementation. A progress report addressing progress toward NLNAC accreditation remains due December 31, 2008.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee authorize immediate implementation of the B.S. program in Nursing at Louisiana State University-Alexandria.